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Background

Czechoslovakia has recently been developing a new statistical method in reporting its foreign trade. The basis of the change is the use of so-called "parity" prices. "Parity" is related to the import prices.

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Requirements

Ask the source if he can give a detailed explanation as to the statistical procedures in the new reporting system. What relation do shipping costs have to "parity" prices? On what is the selling price of imported goods based? What is the purpose of the new system? What is the reason for the change to f.o.b. reporting of imports 1948-55?

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